

Anniston, Alabama

September 21, 2021

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at approximately 5:42 o'clock p.m.

Jack Draper, Mayor, prayed the Invocation.

Jack Draper, Mayor, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the September 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions of an ordinance declaring real property to be surplus and authorizing conveyance and a motion to authorize support of and commitment to provide the 10% match to Healthy Homes grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced a special recognition of the Anniston Barracuda Swim Team.

Mayor Draper introduced a board confirmation of Walker David Mason II to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on the reconsideration of the City Manager's proposed Budget for the City of Anniston for fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Julie Borrelli, Finance Director, read the following proposed changes to the budget:

- Delete phone and postage for City Council -\$3000
- Golf
  - Increase repair and maintenance of buildings/equipment to \$2500
  - Increase rentals to \$45000
  - Increase projects to \$9000
  - Food Services and Special Events
  - Increase food services cost of sales-food to \$113000

- Increase advertising for food services to \$1500
- Increase salaries and wages to \$275725
- Reduce Farmers Market to \$150000
- Fire Tax to General Fund Fire Department
  - Move \$21000 for Communications-Phone and Postage (from fire tax to GF)
  - Move \$110000 for Utilities (from fire tax to GF)
  - Move \$40000 from Contracts and Agreements (from fire tax to GF)
  - Move \$3795 from Computer Equipment (from fire tax to GF)

Additionally, it is proposed that we reallocate the remaining \$460000 from FY 21 budget as follows:

- \$125000 Satcher Health Clinic
- \$75000 Improvements to Airport Fire Station
- \$30000 Painting of Historic McClellan Fire Station
- \$140000 Roofing and interior improvements to Cane Creek Restaurant and Golf Shop
- \$40000 Accessibility and Cosmetic Improvements to Hill Golf Building
- \$15000 Replace damaged cart path sections at Cane Creek Golf Course
- \$25000 Recycling initiative as defined through the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on the reconsideration of the City Manager's proposed Budget for the City of Anniston for fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of Resolution adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was passed and adopted. *(21-R-68)*

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution appointing a member to the Historic Preservation Commission *(21-R-69)*
- (b) Resolution authorizing an amendment to Program Year 2017, 2018, and 2019 Annual Action Plans under the Homes Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program *(21-R-70)*
- (c) Motion to award the bid for CDBG 2021 Resurfacing Project No. 2020-846-CDG Project No. R930021069 to Massey Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$124,940.00
- (d) Motion to approve the recommendation to reject the bid for the Glen Addie Community Center Re-roof Project in the amount of \$109,850.00 and re-bid the project

The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper introduced a resolution allocating Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds toward Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of a resolution allocating Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds toward Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project. The motion was seconded Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was passed and adopted. (21-R-71)

Mayor Draper introduced a resolution allocating Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds toward employee premium pay and vaccine incentive.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of a resolution allocating Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds toward employee premium pay and vaccine incentive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Smith stated that she does not agree with the vaccine incentive, and sees it as a waste of funds. She stated that employees are choosing to get the vaccine, which is free to pretty much everyone then that is your choice. She stated that she looks at this as a bribery thing. She stated that the city should not have to pay employees to force them to get the vaccine or encourage employees to get it.

Steven Folks, City Manager, stated that this is to incentivize those employees who have already been vaccinated.

Council Member Smith made a motion to remove section 2, regarding a onetime lump sum vaccination incentive bonus, from the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he agrees with Council Member Smith, that it is a personal preference of getting the vaccine or not. He stated that the council can decide to adjust those numbers from \$1,000.00 for full time employees and \$500.00 for part time employees to \$1,200 and \$700 and just be done with it.

Council Member Harris' comments were inaudible.

Mayor Draper stated that he does not feel it is appropriate for government to mandate the vaccine but to incentivize here to get more employees vaccinated that will ultimately reduce absenteeism and cost overall of additional health care costs. He stated that he is still in support of the \$200.00 incentive.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: Mayor Draper. The motion carried and the amendment passed.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the resolution to change section 1, items 1 and 2 regarding the one-time lump sum employee bonus for full-time and part time employees from \$1,000.00 for full time employees and \$500.00 for part time employees to \$1,200 and \$700. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris and Draper; nays: Council Member Smith. The motion carried and the amendment passed.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended resolution was passed and adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced and read the Ordinance declaring real property to be surplus and authorizing conveyance (21-O-14)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of an ordinance declaring real property to be surplus and authorizing conveyance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of an ordinance declaring real property to be surplus and authorizing conveyance (21-O-14). The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to authorize the support of and commitment to provide the 10% match to Healthy Homes grant program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Jenkins stated that CLUE is having a command performance Thursday night at Monteith Amphitheater.

Council Member Roberts stated that the children in Anniston are doing it right. He stated that they should start modeling themselves after the children. He asked the citizens to do what they can to wear their masks and stay protected.

Mayor Draper thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that passing the budget is very important part of the city's process.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the consideration that the governing body is willing to offer when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or market value of real property and the council will not be returning after executive session to discuss matters that were discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the council was adjourned into executive session at approximately 6:24 o'clock p.m.